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Title:	GUARD FOR CROP PICK UP APPARATUS		

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Washington, D.C. 20231



Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in an International Search Report mailed March 17, 2003.

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Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
AT	2,378,107	06/12/1945	Russell			
AT	2,627,159	02/03/1953	Russell			
AT	2,682,743	07/06/1954	Hintz			
AT	2,775,089	12/25/1956	Russell			
AT	3,397,527	08/20/1968	Luek et al.			
AT	4,161,859	07/24/1979	Storm et al.			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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AT	0 473 219 A1	03/04/1992	EP				

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)



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